



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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May 28, 2013

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
APPROVAL OF NEW AND REVISED FEES AND CHARGES
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 3, 4 AND 5) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request to approve new and revised fees to the Department of Parks and Recreation's Fees and Charges, effective July 1, 2013. Revisions to the Department of Parks and Recreation's fees and charges are based on the review of fees charged for similar services by neighboring park agencies.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING,

1. Find that these actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to the Public Resources Code and sections of the State California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines as cited herein.
2. Adopt a resolution and approve new and revised fees to the Department of Parks and Recreation's Fees and Charges Schedule effective July 1, 2013.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) conducts a thorough analysis of the costs to ensure that fees do not exceed the cost of the services provided. In addition, the Department reviews the fees imposed for similar services or uses by neighboring public park agencies. If supported by the analysis, recommendations to the Department's fee schedule are forwarded to your Board for approval.

This review indicates that the Department's current fees and charges schedule should be revised since the current fees do not cover the cost of the services provided and in an effort to maintain consistency with fees charged for similar services by other jurisdictions. These revisions include the establishment of new fees and the revision of current fees. These adjustments to the Department's schedule of fees are warranted, as outlined in Attachment I. The recommended actions will result in a net revenue increase which will be utilized to fund operating costs or to offset future curtailments as needed.

In addition, the Department is requesting approval to establish the license and right-of-entry permit fees. These fees are for costs associated with the review of license applications to use County-owned property under the jurisdiction of the Department by person, firms, corporations, cities, districts, and public agencies for the purposes permitted in applicable subsections of Los Angeles County Code Section 2.26.140. Under category 3 of Section 2.26.140, right of entry permits allow ingress and egress across County-owned property. The Director's license also provides for the use of Department facilities for activities not specified in Section 2.26.140 such as trenching, excavation, soil boring, or creation of a temporary staging area. The proposed license and permit fees cover a portion of the cost for reviewing and processing licenses and permits, and do not guarantee the issuance of licenses. Licenses are issued at the discretion of the Department. Non-profit organizations and private entities that provide a direct benefit to the Department will not be charged for a license and permit application.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations will further the County's Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) by enriching lives through cost-effective activities, and Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 2) by increasing revenues.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The recommended actions will result in an estimated net revenue increase of \$143,000 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2013-14 and \$143,000 annually in subsequent fiscal years which will be utilized to fund existing operating costs.

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

As mentioned in the Fiscal Impact/Financing Section above, we are estimating a modest increase of \$143,000.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

All fees were reviewed to ensure that they are reasonable and cost effective in comparison to other municipal and public agencies. The results are reflected in our recommendations. The last revisions to the Department's fees and charges were approved on February 28, 2012, and effective April 1, 2012.

In accordance with Section 50402 of the Government Code, these changes must be approved by a resolution of your Board.

The proposed Department fees are exempt from Proposition 26 under Exception No. 2: Section 1 (e) (2) Exception for Fees for Services and Products Provided and Exception No. 4 Section 1 (e) (4)'s Exception for Use of Government Property and do not need to obtain California voter approval.

County Counsel has approved the attached resolution as to form.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Public hearing notice requirements of Government Code Section 6062a have been satisfied and public hearing requirements of Government Code Section 66018, for fee increases will be satisfied by this action.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed actions are for the purpose of: (1) meeting operating expenses, including employee wage rates and fringe benefits and/or (2) purchasing and leasing supplies, equipment or materials, and/or (3) obtaining funds for capital projects necessary to maintain service within existing service areas. Therefore, the proposed actions are not subject to California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080 (b) 8(A)(B)(C) of the Public Resources Code.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The increases are not anticipated to have a significant impact on services at the affected facilities.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to forward three adopted copies of this letter to the Department for distribution.

Should you have any questions please contact Monica Pollaccia (213) 738-3226 or mpollaccia@parks.lacounty.gov, Vanessa Paniagua at (213) 738-2986 or vpaniagua@parks.lacounty.gov, or Kaye Michelson at (213) 738-2955 or kmichelson@parks.lacounty.gov.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", with a stylized, flowing script.

RUSS GUINEY

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer
Acting County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

2013 Proposed Fees and Charges

I. NEW FEES**Swimming Pool Activities**

Lane Rental

| <u>Fee Description</u> | <u>Current Fee</u> | <u>Proposed Fee</u> | <u>Change from Current Fee</u> | <u>Last Revised</u> (Date of Board Letter) |
|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Lane Rental | None | \$7/hr/lane | New | N/A |

Vehicle Entrance and Boat Launching

Senior/Disabled Non-motorized Watercraft Annual (watercraft owner must be 65+ or disabled person with placard. Permit valid daily, excluding holidays and special events)

| | | | |
|------|-----------------------|-----|-----|
| None | \$50 / per watercraft | New | N/A |
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License

License and Right of Entry Permit - License Applications requested by homeowners and small businesses (0-10 employees), payable when an applicant submits a completed License Application

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| None | \$150 / application | New | N/A |
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License and Right-of-Entry Permit - License Applications requested by Large Businesses (10+ employees), Cities, Special Districts, Public Agencies, Public Utilities and Other Government Entities, payable when an applicant submits a completed License Application

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|------|---------------------|-----|-----|
| None | \$500 / application | New | N/A |
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*Non-profit organizations, and private entities that provide a direct benefit to County parks, golf courses and trails will not incur a fee for a License Application

II. REVISED FEES**Indoor Facility Rental**

Room Capacity - up to 150 persons (Small Room)

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| \$30 hour (4 hour minimum) | \$35 hour (4 hour minimum) | Increase of \$5 | Increased - April 17, 2007 |
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Room Capacity - 151 - 249 persons (Medium Room, includes kitchen)

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| \$45 hour (4 hour minimum) | \$50 hour (4 hour minimum) | Increase of \$5 | Increased - April 17, 2007 |
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Room Capacity - 250+ persons (Large Room, includes kitchen)

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| \$60 hour (4 hour minimum) | \$65 hour (4 hour minimum) | Increase of \$5 | Increased - April 17, 2007 |
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Gymnasium

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| \$50 hour (3 hour minimum) | \$55 hour (3 hour minimum) | Increase of \$5 | Increased - April 17, 2007 |
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Kitchen

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| Warming Kitchen - \$35 flat fee/use or event; Full Service Kitchen - \$55 flat fee/use or event | Warming Kitchen - \$40 flat fee/use or event; Full Service Kitchen - \$55 flat fee/use or event | Increase of \$5 | Increased - April 17, 2007 |
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2013 Proposed Fees and Charges

| <u>Fee Description</u> | <u>Current Fee</u> | <u>Proposed Fee</u> | <u>Change from Current Fee</u> | <u>Last Revised</u> |
|--|---|---|--|-------------------------------|
| <u>Outdoor Facility Reserved Use</u> | | | | |
| Group Picnic Reservations includes shelters or areas set aside for group picnics | \$40 - small picnic shelters (accommodating 1- 75); \$75 - large picnic shelter (accommodating 76+); \$125 per 100 thereafter (minimum may be established for areas accommodating large groups) | \$50 - small picnic shelters (accommodating 1- 75); \$85 - large picnic shelter (accommodating 76+); \$140 per 100 thereafter (minimum may be established for areas accommodating large groups) | Increase of up to \$15 | Increased - April 17, 2007 |
| Group Campsites (overnight camping) | \$25 flat rate + \$1 per person or \$50, whichever is greater | \$100 flat rate | Increase of up to \$25 | Increased - April 17, 2007 |
| <u>Non-Department Sports Activities</u> | | | | |
| Soccer Field Permits | \$20 hour, per field | \$22 hour, per field | Increase of \$2 | Increased - April 17, 2007 |
| Field Preparation | \$16 hour, per field | \$20 hour, per field | Increase of \$4 | Increased - April 17, 2007 |
| <u>Vehicle Entrance and Boat Launching</u> | | | | |
| Senior Citizen & Disabled Vehicle Annual Permit | \$65 - valid weekdays only, excluding weekends and holidays | \$65 - valid everyday excluding special events and holidays | Fee will now include weekends, excluding special events and holidays | Increased - August 11, 2009 |
| <u>Lawn Bowling (Arcadia Park)</u> | | | | |
| Monthly | \$12 | \$14 | Increase of \$2 | Increased - April 17, 2007 |
| Annually | \$80 | \$85 | Increase of \$5 | Increased - April 17, 2007 |
| <u>R.V. Park</u> | | | | |
| Dump Fee (for nonusers of RV Park) - Castaic Lake | \$5 | \$7 | Increase of \$2 | Created - August 13, 1990 |
| <u>Arboreta and Regional Facilities</u> | | | | |
| <u>Weddings and Receptions</u> | | | | |
| Classroom | \$500 (100 persons) | \$550 (100 persons) | Increase of \$50 | Increased - March 25, 2003 |
| Hall | \$1,000 (300 persons) | \$1,100 (300 persons) | Increase of \$100 | Increased - March 25, 2003 |
| <u>Adult Admission</u> | | | | |
| Children Admission (5 through 12) | \$8 | \$9 | Increase of \$1 | Increased - September 1, 2009 |
| Tram Tour | \$3 | \$4 | Increase of \$1 | Increased - September 1, 2009 |
| | \$4 | \$5 | Increase of \$1 | Increased - September 1, 2009 |

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|---|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Adult Admission - Descanso Gardens only | \$8 | \$9 | Increase of \$1 | Increased - August 1, 2008 |
| Children Admission (5 through 12) - Descanso Gardens only | \$3 | \$4 | Increase of \$1 | Increased - August 1, 2008 |
| Train Tour - Descanso Gardens only | \$4 | \$5 | Increase of \$1 | Increased - August 1, 2008 |

RESOLUTION TO REVISE VARIOUS FEES AND CHARGES

WHEREAS, the County's parks offer services and recreational opportunities similar to other facilities at which these fees are collected; and

WHEREAS, these increases will help offset operating costs; and

WHEREAS, the additional funding is in the public interest and welfare; and

WHEREAS, these costs do not exceed the cost of the services provided by the County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Department fees are exempt from Proposition 26 under Exception No. 2: Section 1 (e) (2) Exception for Fees for Services and Products Provided and Exception No. 4 Section 1 (e) (4)'s Exception for Use of Government Property and do not need to obtain California voter approval for fees; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 50402, the County has the authority to charge for use of park and recreational facilities as provided by resolution of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, all recommended fee increases for County park facilities funded or improved with State bond park funds are not in excess of 125 percent of similar fees charged by the State Department of Parks and Recreation for the use of State facilities; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California as follows:

The County's parks and recreation fees shall be adjusted as outlined in Attachment I, effective July 1, 2013.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, and the ex-officio governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts, adopted the foregoing Resolution on the _____ day of _____, 2013.

SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer-Clerk
Of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

John F. Krattli
County Counsel

By CHT A. Salas
Principal Deputy County Counsel

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED INCREASES IN FEES
AT LOS ANGELES COUNTY PARK FACILITIES**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles in the matter of new and increased fees at County parks. Said hearing will be held on May 28, 2013, in the Hearing Room of the Board of Supervisors, Room 381, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street (corner of Temple and Grand Avenue), Los Angeles, California 90012. Further notice is given that the Board of Supervisors may continue this hearing from time to time.

Proposed New Fees

Establish a lane rental fee for swimming pools for \$7 per lane, per hour.

Establish a Senior Citizen and Disabled Non-motorized Watercraft Annual Pass for \$30 per watercraft. Valid daily, excluding special events and holidays.

Establish a License and Right-of-Entry Permit fee for Homeowners and Small Businesses (0-10 employees) for the use of County owned property for \$150 per application.

Establish a License and Right-of-Entry Permit Fee for Large Businesses (10+ employees), Cities, Special Districts, Public Agencies, Public Utilities and Other Government Entities for the use of County owned property for \$500 per application.

Revised Fees

Increase the Indoor Facility Small Room Capacity fee (up to 150 persons) from \$30 per hour (minimum of 4 hours) to \$35 per hour (minimum of 4 hours).

Increase the Indoor Facility Medium Room Capacity fee (151 to 249 persons) from \$45 per hour (minimum of 4 hours) to \$50, per hour (minimum of 4 hours).

Increase the Indoor Facility Large Room Capacity fee (250+ persons) from \$60 per hours (minimum of 4 hours) to \$65 per hour (minimum of 4 hours).

Increase the Gymnasium fee from \$50 per hour (minimum of 3 hours) to \$55 per hour (minimum of 3 hours).

Increase the Warming Kitchen fee from \$35 flat fee, per use or event to \$40 flat fee, per use or event.

Increase the Full Service Kitchen fee from \$55 flat fee, per use or event to \$60 flat fee, per use or event.

Increase the Small Group Picnic fee (1 to 75 persons) from \$40 to \$50.

Increase the Large Group Picnic fee (76+ persons) from \$75 and \$125 (per 100 persons thereafter) to \$85 and \$140 (per 100 persons thereafter).

Increase the Group Campsites fee from \$25 flat rate + \$1 per person or \$50, whichever is greater to \$100 flat rate.

Increase the Soccer Field Permit fee from \$20 per hour, per field to \$22 per hour, per field.

Increase the Field Preparation fee from \$16 per hour, per field to \$20 per hour, per field.

Revise Senior Citizen and Disabled Vehicle Annual Permit to include weekends, excluding holidays and special events.

Revise the Board of Supervisor's authorization to allow vehicles with a Veteran's Special Plate issued by the State of California exempted from vehicle entry fees on weekdays and on Veteran's Day to include California State Distinguished Veteran Pass (not including camping fees), valid at Castaic Lake only

Increase the Lawn Bowling Monthly fee from \$12 to \$14.

Increase the Lawn Bowling Annually fee from \$80 to \$85.

Increase the Castaic Lake R.V. Park Dump Fee (for nonusers of the R.V. Park) from \$5 to \$7.

Increase the Classroom Indoor Reception Fee (100 persons) from \$500 to \$550.

Increase the Hall Indoor Reception Fee (300 persons) from \$1,000 to \$1,100.

Increase the Adult Admission fee for Arboreta and Regional Facilities from \$8 to \$9.

Increase the Children Admission (5 through 12) fee for Arboreta and Regional Facilities from \$3 to \$4.

Increase the Tram Tour fee for Arboreta and Regional Facilities from \$4 to \$5.

Increase the Adult Admission fee for Descanso Gardens from \$8 to \$9.

Increase the Children Admission (5 through 12) fee for Descanso Gardens from \$3 to \$4.

Increase the Tram Tour fee for Descanso Gardens from \$4 to \$5.

Written comments may be sent to the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors at the above address. For further information, please call (213) 738-3226.

Para su información en español, favor de llamar el teléfono siguiente (213) 738-2952.

SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer-Clerk of
The Board of Supervisors